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ARTICLES
TO BE ENQVIRED
OF IN THE DIOCESSE
of SALISBVRIE.

IN THE VISITATION OF
the Reverend Father in God,
JOHN Lord Bishop of
SARVM.

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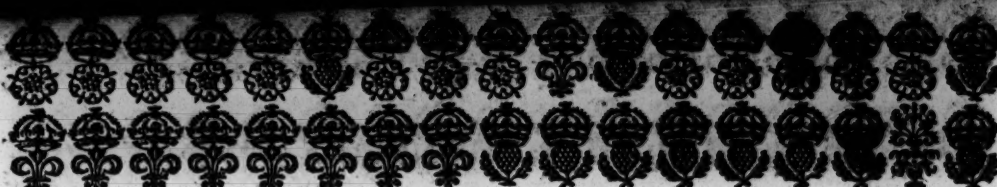


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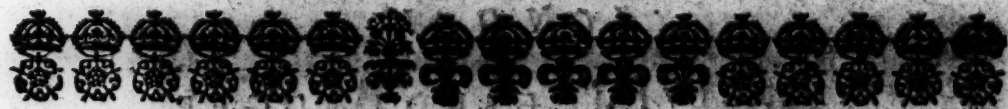
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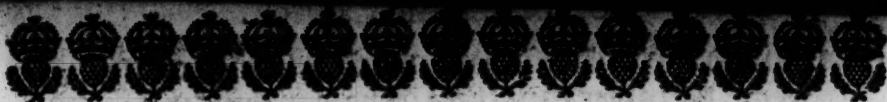


The Forme of the Oath to bee ministred
to the *Church-wardens, and*
Side-men.

YOU shall sweare, that all affection, fauour, hatred,
hope of reward and gaine, or feare of displeasure
or malice set aside, you shall, vpon due considera-
tion of the Articles giuen you in charge, present all and
euery such person of, or within your Parish, as hath
committed any offence mentioned in these or any of
these Articles, or which are vehemently suspected, and
defamed of any such offence: wherein you shall discharge
your consciences vprightly, and according to trueth;
neither of malice presenting any contrary to truth, nor
of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so con-
ceale the truth, hauing in this action God before your
eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine truth, and to
suppresse vice. So helpe you God, and by the Contents
of this Booke.

God saue the King.





ARTICLES TO BE EN- quired of in the Diocesse of Salisbury.

Articles concerning publike Prayer, and administration
of the SACRAMENTS.

Titul. I.



FIRST, Whether hath any of your Parish spoken or declared any thing in the derogation or dep2ruing of the forme of Gods Worship in the Church of England, and administration of the Sacraments, Rites, & Ceremonies set forth and prescribed in the Booke of Common prayer, by the Kings Maiesty authorized and confirmed? Doe any preach, speake, or declare, that it containeth any thing that is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures?

Depraving of the Booke of Common Praier and ceremonies.

2 Item, Whether hath any in your Parish caused, procured, or maintained any Minister to say any common or publike prayer, or to administer either of the Sacraments of Baptisme and the Lords Supper, otherwise or in any other manner or forme than is mentioned in the said Booke of Common Prayer? Or whether hath any interrupted, hindered, let, or disturbed the Minister to reade Divine Service and administer the Sacraments in such manner and forme as is mentioned in the said Book: or interrupted him in his preachings and Sermons?

Perfwading any Minister to alter the forme of common Praier.

3 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme rightly and duely administered according to the prescript forme expressed in the Booke of Common Prayer, with one obseruation of all Rites and Ceremonies prescribed in the administration of the same?

Obseruation of the forme of Baptisme and Crosse.

4 Item, Whether is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme deferred longer than the next Sunday or Holiday immediately following the birth of the childe?

Deferring of Baptisme. Children refused to be baptized or dying without Baptisme. Parents of children admitted God-fathers.

5 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme refused to bee administered to any childezen bozne in or out of Wedlocke, their birth being made knowne to the Minister of the Parish, and offered vnto him to bee baptized, or haue any such childezen died unbaptized?

6 Item, Whether bee the parents of any childe to be bapti-

Private Baptisme.

zed, admitted to bee Godfathers and Godmothers to the same :

7 Item, Whether haue there bene any childe baptized in priuate houses by any Lay person or Widow, or popish Priest :

8 Item, Whether haue there bene any childe baptized in priuate houses by your Minister, or any other Minister, but vpon urgent occasion when the childe was in danger of death :

Baptizing of Papists children.

9 Item, Whether haue the childe which haue bene borne to any popish Recusants, or begotten by them in your Parish, bene publikely baptized in your Parish Church by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or by whom were they baptized, or where to your knowledge :

Receiuing of the Lords Supper thrice a yeere.

10 Item, Whether hath the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper ben duely and reuerently administred euery moneth, or thrice euery yeere at least, whereof once at Easter, within your Parish Church, to euery parishioner being of sixtene yeeres of age, or vpwads :

Kneeling at the communion.

11 Item, Whether is the said holy Sacrament deliuered vnto or receiued by any of the Communicants within your Parish, that doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees :

Notorious offenders admitted to the communion.

12 Item, Whether haue any of your parish, which be openly knowne to liue in notorious sinne without repentance, or excommunicate persons, or schismatickes, common and notorious deprauers of the Religion and gouernement of this Realme, without vnfained sorrow shewne for their impiety and wickednesse, bene admitted to be partaker of the said holy Communion :

Debarring others without cause.

12 Item, Whether hath any of your parish bene debarred from the said holy Communion without iust cause, and without intimation first giuen to the Ordinary or Bishop of the Diocese : and by whose fault :

Titul. 2.

Articles concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, and the Churches possessions.

Bookes and ornaments in the church.

First, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell, the whole Bible of the largest volume, and of the last translation, the Book of common prayer, the two Books of Homilies, and Bishop Iewels Apology, all well and fairely bound : a Font of stone, set vp in the most ancient place : a convenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, continually laid vpon the Table at time of Diuine Service, a faire linnen cloth at the time of administering the

Abusing of the communion Table.

Concerning the Church.

the Communion: and whether is the same Table placed conveniently as it ought: and whether is it so used in or out of time of Divine Service or Sermon, as is not agreeable to the holy use of it: Are the Ten Commandments set upon the East end of your Church, with other Sentences of Scripture about?

2 Item, Whether are your afternoone Sermons in your severall Parishes turned into Catechizing by questions and answers, according to the forme prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer?

Sermons turned into catechizing.

3 Item, Whether have you in your said Church or Chappell, a convenient Seat for your Minister to reade Divine Service in, together with a comely Pulpit, set up in a convenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely, large, and fine Surplice: a faire Communion Cup, a Flaggon of silver, or pewter, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of Divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments; and whether you have a chest for Almes, with three lockes and keyes, and another chest for keeping the Books and Ornaments of the Church, and the Register Booke: whether have you a Register Booke in Parchment, of Christenings, Weddings, and Burialls: and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons: And is the mothers christen name therein registred, as well as the fathers: and a transcript thereof brought in yearly, within one moneth after the five and twentieth of March, into the Lord Arch-bishop, or the Bishop of the Diocese Register? And have you a Table set in your Church, of the degrees wherein by Law men are prohibited to marry?

Things appertaining to churches.

Register Bookes.

4 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage houses, your parish Almes house and Church, in good reparations, and are they employed to godly and their right holy uses: if any be ruined and wasted, in whom is the default? Is your Church, Chancell and Chappell, decently and comely kept as well within as without? and be the Steeple well maintained, the Steeple and Bells preserved, the windows well glazed, the floor kept paved, plaine and even, and all things in orderly and decent sort: And have any Patrons or others decayed the Parsonage houses, and keepe a stipendary Priest or Curate in place where an Incumbent should be possessed?

Reparation of churches and Parsonage houses.

Concerning the Church.

Fencing and
keeping the
Church-yard.
Prophaning
and annoying
the Church-
yard.

Churches va-
cant.

Concealing of
Church goods.

Erecting vp of
Seats and
Pewes.

Defacing of
seemly Orna-
ments.

Burying of po-
pish Recusants.

Alienation of
tythes and pro-
fits of the
Church.

5 Item, Whether bee your Church-yards well fenced, and kept without abuse: if not, whose default is it? hath any person encroached vpon the ground of the Church-yard: haue any vsed a place, consecrated to holy vse, prophanely or wickedly: haue any quarrelled, or stricken another in Church or Church-yard?

6 Item, Whether is your Church full, or vacant of an Incumbent: if vacant, who receiueth the fruits thereof, and who serueth the Cure, and by what authozity: and whether is it a Parsonage, Vicarage, or Donatiue, or Appropriation?

7 Item, What Legacies haue bene giuen to the vse and benefit of your Church: how haue they bene bestowed: who receiued them, and detaineth them without due imployment: Doth any detain or imbezell any of the Church goods, or any other gifts giuen to charitable vses?

8 Item, Whether is there any erecting of pewes, or innouating of Seats in your Church by any priuate man of his owne authozity: and what Seats haue ben so built, and by whose procurement, and by what authozity?

9 Item, Whether hath any in your Parish defaced, or caused to bee defaced, any Monuments, or Ornamentes in your Church?

10 Item, Whether hath any popish Recusant, being lawfully excommunicated, bene interred or buried in your Church or Church-yard, before abolition of that censure and Excommunication: if yea, then by whom, and when?

11 Item, Whether bee not the profits, tythes, and other commodities Ecclesiasticall, impiously and wickedly to the dishonour of Almighty God, and prejudice of the sacred Ministertie, conuerted to the vse and benefit of couetous Patrons, and by them receiued and detained, and how long haue they ben so vsed to your knowledge?

12 Item, Whether haue there bene made any bargaine and sale, exchange, or other alienation of the Glebe lands, or titthes of your Parsonage or Vicarage, being presentatiue, without the consent of the Ordinary and Patron: and if yea, specifye the said lands and titthes so sold, exchanged, or alienated, where it lay and lyeth, and how it was and is abated, together with the value of the same, and who made the same sale, exchange, or alienation, and to whom was it made?

13 Item,

Concerning Ministers.

13 Item, Whether haue you the Terrier of all the Glebe Lands, Meadowes, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Storkes, Implements, Tenements, and portions of Tithes, (whether within your Parish or without) belonging vnto your Parsonage or Vicarage, taken by the view of honest men in your said Parish: And whether the said Terrier bee laid vp in the Bishops Registry, and in whose hands are many of them now: And if you haue no Terrier already made in Parchment, you the Church-wardens and Side-men, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence, you are to make diligent enquiry and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe the said Terrier, as aforesaid.

A Terrier of Glebe lands and other possessions of the church.

Articles concerning Ministers and Preachers of Gods holy Word.

Titl. 3.

First, Whether doth your Minister distinctly, reuerently say Divine Service vpon Sundayes and Holidayes, and other dayes appointed to bee obserued by the Booke of Common Prayer, at fit and vsuall times? And doth your Minister duely obserue the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the said Booke of common Prayer, as well in reading all publike prayers, and the Letany, as also in administering of the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimony, visitation of the sick, burying the dead, churching of women, and all other like Rites and Offices of the Church, in such manner and forme as in the said Booke of common Prayer is inioyned; and doth hee reade the Booke of the last canons yearely?

Observation of the forme and time of common praier and Sacraments.

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister, reading diuine Service, and administering the Sacraments and other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice according to the canons?

Continuall wearing of the Surplice.

3 Item, Whether hath your Minister married any without a King, or without Banes published thre seuerall Sundayes or Holidayes in time of Diuine Service in their seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seuerall abode, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, or in times prohibited, albeit the Banes were thrice published, without a licence or dispensation from the Arch-bishop, or the Bishop of the diocesse, or his Chancelor first obtained in that behalfe, or not witht the honres of eight and twelue in the forenoone, or haue married any in a priuate house.

or:

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or if the parties be vnder the age of one and twenty yeres, before their parents or gouernours haue signified their consents vnto him?

Doth he refuse to bury any which ought to be interred in Christian buriall, or deferre the same longer then hee should?

Is your Minister a Preacher allowed: if yea, then by whom: if not, whether doth hee procure some who are lawfully licensed to preach monethly amongst you at the least?

Is your Minister carefull to tender all such youth of his parish as haue bene well instructed in their Catechisme, to bee confirmed by the Bishop in his Visitation?

Hath your Minister admitted any women begotten with childe in adultery or fornication, to bee churched without license of the Ordinary?

Whether your Minister or any, hauing taken holy orders, being now silenced or suspended, or any other person of your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hold any conuenticles, or doth preach in any place, or vse any other forme of Diuine Seruice, than is appointed in the Booke of Common Prayer: if yea, then you are to present their names, and with whom.

Doth your Minister vse such decencie and comelinesse in his apparell, as by the 47 Canon is enioyned? Is hee of sober behaviour, and one that doth vse such bodily labour as is not seemely for his function and calling?

Observation
of Rites.

4 Item, Whether doeth your Minister bid Holidayes and Fastings dayes, as is appointed? Doeth hee administerr the holy Communion every moneth, or thrice in the yeare at least: whereof once at Easter to every parishioner? Doeth he receive the same himselfe on every day that he administrett it to others, and vseth hee the words of Institution according to the Booke without alteration, at every time that the Bread and Wine is renewed? Doeth hee vse, and neuer omit the signe of the Crosse in Baptisme: or doeth hee euer baptize in any Vessel or other thing but the vsuall Font? Doeth he marry without a Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the Banes thrice published, without a speciall license from the Arch-bishop, or Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelloz first had and obtained?

Preachers
without li-
cence.

5 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher licensed or no: if no, Whether doeth hee take vpon him in his owne Cure or elsewhere, to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine,
and

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and doth not keepe himselfe only to the reading of Homilies published by authority: if so, then, you are to present the same, the time and place where hee did it. And if hee bee licensed, doth hee preach usually in his owne Cure, according to the 45 Canon, or in some other neighbour Church, where no preacher is: Or whether doth hee or his Curate vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, reade a Homily or some part thereof, according as he ought to doe?

6 Item, Whether doeth your Minister publish in his Sermons any doctrine which is new and strange, and disagreeing from the Word of God, and from the Articles of Christian Faith and Religion, agreed on and published, Anno Dom. 1562. or hath he at any time preached against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them, or against the gouernment of this Church vnder his Maiesty, by Archbishop, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers?

Preaching of
false doctrine
and new opi-
nions.

7 Item, Whether are any strange Ministers admitted to preach in your Church, who doe not before the Churchwardens subscribe their names in your Booke for that purpose, the day when he preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom hee had licence to preach: and is any one admitted to preach, before hee sheweth his licence?

8 Item, Doeth any Preacher in your Pulpit, particularly impugne and confute any doctrine deliuered by others his fellow Preachers, before hee hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocesse therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case?

Opposition of
Preachers in
their Sermons.

9 Item, Doeth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiesty, Clergy, Councell, &c. giuing them their full titles, and doth hee alwaies conclude his prayer with the Lords Prayer, as in the Canon is required?

Praying for his
Maiestie, &c.

10 Item, Whether is your Minister resident vpon his Benefice, or absent: if absent, by whom is the Cure serued, the fruits receiued? Doth your Minister or Curate serue any moze Cures than one: if yea, then what other Cure doeth hee serue, and how farre are they distant?

Non-residence
of the Minister

11 Item, Whether doth hee Catechize the youth of his Parish vpon Sundayes and Holidayes, before euening Prayer for halfe an houre or more, in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer: And whether doe all the Parishio-

Catechizing.

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Ministers to
call for reliefe
of the poore,
and almef-
deeds.

Symony.

Demising of
Benefices.

Conferring
with Recusants

Observing of
rogation week.

Preaching in
private houses,
&c.

Curates not
licenced, and
Laymen doing
offices of a
Minister.

Lecturers and
Preachers ro
reade Service.

ners diligently attend his catechizing: and who refuse to send their childezen and seruants to be catechized by him?

12 Item, Doth your Minister carefully looke to the reliefe of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his parishioners to giue somewhat according to their ability, to godly and charitable vses, especially when they make their Wills?

13 Item, Whether is your Minister suspected or knowne to haue obtained his Benefice, or spirituall promotion, by any Symoniacal compact, directly, or indirectly?

14 Item, Whether doth your Minister demise the profits of his Benefice to any Lay man aboue three yeere, and is not resident there, and keepeth no hospitality, vpon his Benefice, being of sufficient value?

15 Item, Whether hath hee, being learned and sufficient, conferred with the popish Recusants of this parish, endeauouring to reclaime them from their errozs, and presenting them being obstinate, for their recusancy?

16 Item, Doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes goe in perambulation of the circuit of the Parish, saying, and blessing the Prayers, Suffrages, and Thanksgiuing to God, appointed by Law, according to his duty, thanking God for his blessings, and praying for his grace and fauour?

17 Item, Hath your Minister or any other Preacher, made any Sermon, administred the Sacraments, or churched women in any priuate houses, otherwise than is by Law allowed?

18 Item, What Curates or Preachers doe reade Prayers or administred the Sacraments in your Parish, without lawfull licence from the Bishop of the Diocesse, vnder his hand and Seale, according to the Canon: or doth any Lay man, not hauing holy Orders, presume to reade publike Prayers in the Church?

19 Item, Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your Parish; and whether (if any such be) doth he twice at least, euery yeare reade himselfe Diuine Service, both morning and euening two seuerall Sundayes publikely in his Surplice, and also twice in the yeare administred both Sacraments, with such Rites and Ceremonies as are prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, according to the 56. Canon?

20 Item, Whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scripture,

Concerning Marriage.

Scripture, and abstaineth from mechanicall trades, or labour not befitting his function, and from apparell unseemely for his calling, and from gaming, swearing, and drunkennesse, or such notozious crimes? Or is there any in your parish, who hauing bene admitted into holy Orders, either Deacon or Minister, doth relinquish or forsake his calling, and liueth in the course of his life as a Lay-man?

Ministers forsaking their calling.

21. Item, Whether doth your Minister in his Sermons deliver and debate those high points of Predestination, Reprobation, Uniuersality of Grace, and other of like nature, forbidden to be handled in popular Sermons?

22. Item, Whether hath your Minister vsed any bitter inuectiues, or railing speeches in his Sermons against the persons either of Papists or Puritanes?

23. Item, Whether doeth your Minister euery sixe moneths denounce in his parish all such of his parish as doe perseuere in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved: and whether hee hath receiued any excommunicate person into the Church without Certificate from the Ordinary: who are incouragers and keepers of company with such as remaine excommunicate: and whether any dying excommunicate be buried in Christian burfall?

Articles concerning Marriage.

Titul. 4.

First, Whether be there any in your parish that haue married within the degrees of Affinity or consanguinity, by the Law of God forbidden: if any, what be they?

Mariage within Leuiticall degrees.

2. Item, Whether haue any bene married secretly in priuate houses, or without their parents or gouernours consent signified, being vnder the age of 21. yeares?

Priuate marriage, and without consent of Parents.

3. Item, Whether do any persons lawfully married, liue asunder unlawfully: and in whom is the default?

Married persons liuing apart.

4. Item, Whether any persons (the Banes being not thrice published in the Church) haue bene married without licence; who were present at such marriages, and what Minister married them?

Mariage without Banes or Licence.

5. Item, Whether any persons by licence or without, haue bene married in your parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your towne?

Persons married out of their Parishes.

Concerning Church-wardens, &c.

Recusants
marriage.

6 Item, What Popish Recusants or their children have been married in your parish, in what sort was that Patrimony solemnized, when, and by whom?

Titul. 5.

Articles concerning Church-wardens.

Election of
church-war-
dens.

First, Whether bee the Church-wardens chosen by the Minister and Parishioners, according to the 8th Canon; and whether hath any taken him to bee Church-warden, being not so chosen: or hath any continued above one yeare in his office, without a new choice?

Church-war-
dens due ac-
compr.

2 Item, Whether have any Church-warden retained any of the Church goods, and not made a full accompt of what they haue received and expended?

Church-war-
dens diligent
in the church.

3 Item, Have they bene, and are they diligent in their office, to see decencie kept in the Church, and order in the time of Common Prayer, and administration of the Sacraments; and that there be no disturbance, but order and quietnesse in the Church? And doe the Church-wardens keepe a Booke in your parish, wherein the name of euery strange Preacher in your parish is set downe; and haue the Church-wardens suffered any to preach, not shewing, or hauing no Licence?

A Booke for
strange Prea-
chers.

Titul. 6.

Articles concerning the Parishioners.

Profaning the
Lords day.

First, whether doe any in your parish profane the Sunday by unlawfull games, drinking, or tipling in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon, and by working and doing the ordinary workes of their vocation and trades?

Impugning the
Rites and go-
uernment of
the church.

2 Item Is there any in your parish that do impugne or speak against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull use of them, and government of this Church vnder his Maiestie, by Arch-bishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers?

Reuerent be-
hauour at Di-
uine Service.

3 Item, Who in your parish doe come to the Sermon only, and not to Diuine Service; and who doe not reuerently behaue themselves during the time of Diuine Service, deuotely kneeling when the generall Confession of finnes, the Letany, the Tenne Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read, or who doe couer their heads in the Church, during the

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the whole time of Divine Service, unless it bee in case of necessity, or who doe giue themselves to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentiu to heare the Word read and preached?

4 Item, Are there any of your parish, hauing a Preacher to their Minister, that doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to other places to heare other Preachers: or doe any in your parish communicate, or baptize their children in any other parish?

Leauing their owne churches to go to others

5 Item, Is there any in your Parish that refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion of your Minister, taking exception against him: or haue you any wiues that refuse to come to church, according to the Booke of common Prayer, to giue thanks to God for their safe deliuerance, in a decent habite, as hath bene anciently accustomed?

Exception against the Minister.

Churching of women.

6 Item, Hath any in your parish spoken slanderous and reproachfull words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or against their marriage, or wiues, or against his neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance?

Disgracing of Ministers.

7 Item, Whether doe any in your parish exercise any trade or labour, buy or sell, or keepe open shops, or set out any wares to be sold vpon Sundayes and Holidayes, by themselves, their servants, or apprentices, or haue otherwise profaned the said dayes?

Opening of shops vpon Holidayes.

8 Item, Whether is the fifth of Nouember, kept holy, and thanksgiving made to God, according to the order set forth in that behalfe?

Keeping holy the fifth of Nouember.

9 Item, Are there any in your parish that be, or are commonly knowne or reputed to be blasphemers of Gods holy Name, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, incestuous persons, concealors, or harbourers of fornicators or adulterers: haue any bene detected of such notorious crimes: and what penance haue they done for the same?

Adultery, fornication, incest, &c.

10 Item, What corporall punishment for any such offences, haue bene commuted and exchanged into a pecuniarie mulct or summe of money by any Ecclesiasticall Iudge, exercising iurisdiction within this Diocese, by vertue of any grant or commission; or what was the summe of money by them, or any of them so receiued and taken, and to what vses was the same bestowed?

Commutation of penance.

02 whether vpon such commutations was the vnsained repentance of the delinquents published in the Church :

11 Item, Whether there haue beene within your severall parishes since the 23 of *May* any Wills proved, 02 administrations granted by the Archdeacon 02 his Officiall, 02 any knowne incontinent persons, 02 any suspected of that vice, 02 any other offenders whatsoever (hauing not before the said 23 - day of *May* bene duly presented by their Church-wardens) for the same, being called 02 cited by the Archdeacon 02 his Officiall: If yea, then you must present their names and their offences now at this Visitation, for that since the said 23 of *May* the Archdeacons authority was restrained and suspended by inhibition, and all iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall euer since hath bene in the Lord Bishop.

12 Item, Whether haue any in your parish administred the goods of any person deceased, without lawfull authority, and before he 02 they haue proved the Will and Testament of the partie deceased, 02 haue obtained Commission from the Ordinary, to dispose the said incoeueable goods? 02 are there any Wills improued, 02 goods not ministred?

Excommunicate persons.

13 Item, What persons be excommunicate within your parish, and for what cause to your knowledge: and whether doe any of them repaire to the Church in time of prayer, vnabsolued:

14 Item, What Recusant Papists are there in your parish, and whether doe they 02 any of them keepe any Schoole-master in their house, which commeth not to Church to heare Diuine Service, and receiue the holy Communion: what is his name, and how long hath he taught?

Titul. 7.

Articles concerning Schoole-masters, Physicians, and Chirurgions, and Parish-Clerkes.

Schoole-masters not licensed.

Duty of all Schoole-masters.

Physicians not licensed.

First, Is there any Schoole-master in your Parish that teacheth publickly 02 priuately, not licensed by the Ordinary, 02 Bishop of the Diocesse: Doth hee teach any Papist 02 Sectaries children that come not to Church: And doth he instruct all his schollers to learne the shorter Catechisme by Law established, contained in the Booke of Common Prayer: Is hee a Graduate and sufficient to teach:

2 Item, What Physician 02 Chirurgeon is in your parish not licensed,

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licensed, and being not a Doctor of Physicke in either of the Universities, doeth practise physicke: And what ignorant persons haue left their trade and taken vpon them to prolesse physicke or chirurgery: and who be they that so abuse the people?

3 Item, Haue you a fit Parish-clerke, aged twenty yeres at least, of honest life, able to reade and write? are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud? If not, then whose default is it? By whom is hee chosen? Is hee diligent in his office, and serviceable to the Minister: doeth hee meddle with any thing a-boue his office: doth hee keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked: Is any thing lost or spoiled by his default: and doth he execute his office duly?

Parish-Clerke.

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First, Whether bee there any Ecclesiasticall Officers that exercise Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this Diocese, that take and receiue, or exact any extraordinary fees for any cause: whether haue your Church-wardens and Quest-men concealed any abuses or offences punishable in the Ecclesiasticall Court: and whether such offences being presented, are suppressed and unpunished?

Excessive Fees.

2 Item, Whether is there not a table of fees in euery Court of the Consistory, Archdeacons, and Commissaries, allowed and subscribed by the Judge and Register of the Court of Consistory, An. Dom. 1597. and the same euery Court-day hung vp in some publike place of the Court and Registry?

Table of Fees in courts.

3 Item, Doth any Ecclesiasticall Judge speed any act in any cause priuately of himselfe, and not in presence of some publike Notary or Aquary?

Speeding of Acts without a Notary.

4 Item, Whether is there any excessive number of Apparitors and Sumners in this Diocese, or haue any of them vnder pretence of authority, cited or summoned any person vnlawfully, or hath taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or sinne, or the auoiding of the punishment of the offenders: and who be they that haue done so: or doe they take any fees not accustomable? Haue they threathned any to prosecute them if they had no reward: and doe they summon any without a citation first had?

Abuses in Apparitors and Sumners.

II Item, Hath any Ecclesiasticall Judge, or Officer, Aduocate, Register, Proctor, Clarkes, or other such Ministers, any

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Sincerity and
impartiality in
the inquirers.

may abused themselves in their offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that behalfe provided?

6 Item, Lastly, whether you, and every of you haue sincerely, vprightly, and without any partiall affection, and concealing, presented and made knotone, all and every the offenders in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent Articles exhibited vnto you, either as they are taken in truth to bee, or by common fame reported?

If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiasticall cognisance, you are to present the same.

The Minister of euery Parish may ioine in presentment with the Church-wardens and Side-men; and if they will not present, then the Ministers themselues (being the persons that should haue the chiefe care for the suppressing of sinne and impiety in their Parishes) may present the crimes aforesaid, and such things as shall bee thought to require due reformation, Canon 113.

There must bee seuerall presentments made to everie seuerall Article.

FINIS.

